



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: February 27, 2012

To: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair – Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee

Referral to: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair – Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Park Board Teen Grass Cutting

Recommendation: Direct the proper City officials to execute a Memo of Understanding with the Minneapolis Park Board for a pilot project to have teenagers from the Teen TeamWorks program provide nuisance abatement grass cutting, weed removal and brush removal services during summer 2012 for most vacant Minneapolis lots. Estimated expense is about \$50,000.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Approved by:

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Presenters in Committee: Lee Larson and Tom Deegan

Financial Impact

- Action is within the Business Plan
- Request provided to the Finance Department

Community Impact

- City Goals

Supporting Information

Regulatory Services is partnering with the Minneapolis Park Board on a pilot project to have teenagers from the Minneapolis Park Board Teen Teamworks Program provide nuisance abatement grass cutting, weed removal and brush removal services during summer 2012 for most vacant Minneapolis lots. The Teen Teamworks Program employed 317 youth in summer 2011 for various Park Board activities and Regulatory Services is very pleased and excited to be partnering with this program on this pilot project. The Park Board will be

serving as the contractor for most of the vacant lots in Minneapolis, and the youth will be supervised by adults and managed by Park Board staff. In the event that problems arise, the private contractor will also be available as a backup option to ensure these services continue.